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SUBJECT: GUADIANA STORY ON CIA

1. FOLLOWING THREE STORIES APPEARED IN SENSATIONALIST
WEEKLY GUADIANA OF MARCH 24-130. OSTENSIBLE QUOTES
FROM PRESS ATTACHE REPRESENT FABRICATIONS OR GROSS
DISTORTIONS.

2. WRITERS ARE AMERICAN STEVE WEISSMAN AND NICLOE SZULC.
BOTH SPECIALIZE IN ANTI-CIA STORIES. SZULC, WHO
TALKED TO INFORMATION OFFICER PREVIOUSLY, WORKED FOR CAMBIO
16 AND LATER MOVED TO OPINION. IN FEBRUARY SHE AND SEVERAL
SPANISH LEFTISTS WERE FIRED AND MOVED TO GUADIANA. TRANSLATIONS
AND SUMMARY FOLLOW:

3. GUADIANA EDITOR'S LETTER: IS IT TRUE THAT 'A
FEW YEARS AGO' THE FUNCTIONARIES OF THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT 'LIQUIDATED' THE NEWSMEN WHO BOTHERED THEM
WITH THEIR INVESTIGATIONS? THIS IS TO BE DEDUCED FROM
THE 'WARNINGS' THAT THE AMERICAN PRESS ATTACHE, EDWARD
HARPER, GAVE TO OUR CONTRIBUTOR NICOLE SZULC WHEN SHE
WENT TO HIM TO CONFIRM SOME OF THE DATA WHICH WE PUBLISH
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IN OUR COVER STORY. FINE, THEN ONE MUST REJOICE THAT
THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND THE AMERICANS LIMIT THEMSELVES
TO WARNING INSTEAD OF ELIMINATING. BUT, WHETHER TO WARM
OR ELIMINATE, WHAT IS CONFIRMED BY THE WORDS OF HARPER IS
THE ALL-EMBRACING PRESENCE OF CIA AGENTS IN SPAIN. IN
THIS COUNTRY THE TIMES ARE NO LONGER THOSE OF FRANCO:
BEFORE, IT BEHOVED TO KEEP QUIET AND ENDURE AND, NOW,

ONE CAN SPEAK OF THE CIA, INDICATE THEIR NAMES AND ASK ONESELF WHICH LAWS PERMIT THEM TO ACT WITH IMPUNITY IN OUR COUNTRY. AND, IN PASSING, TO REMEMBER THAT THE SINISTER CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY CARRIES ON ITS SHOULDERS ASSASSINATIONS, CONSPIRACIES AND DESTABILIZATIONS.

4. "WHAT IS THE CIA DOING IN SPAIN? INDEED, IT STABILIZES OR DESTABILIZES ACCORDING TO THE GLOBAL STRATEGIC INTERESTS OF ITS MASTERS. THUS IT IS, RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, THAT THE ENIGMATIC AGENCY APPEARS ON THE LIPS OF THE PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF DARK EVENTS WHICH SEEM TO WANT TO RUIN THE CLEAN DEMOCRACY THAT THE COUNTRY DEMANDS. OUR REPORT INDICATES THAT THE INTENTIONS OF THE CIA TEND TOWARD THE STABILIZATION OF SPANISH POLITICS AND TOWARD THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE CENTER IN ITS TWO TENDENCIES (CENTER-LEFT AND CENTER-RIGHT). AND, WHY DON'T THESE GENTLEMEN WAIT TO LEARN WHAT THE SPANISH PEOPLE WANT? IN CONCLUSION, HERE THEY ARE, WITH THEIR NAMES, THE PRINCIPAL PERSONALITIES OF THE CIA IN SPAIN."

5. FOLLOWING IS PURPORTEDLY AN ACCOUNT OF SZULC VISIT TO THE INFORMATION OFFICER: "WHEN NICOLE SZULC WANTED TO CONFIRM THE DATA OF GUADIANA WITH SOURCES IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MADRID, SHE RECEIVED NO MORE THAN 'RECOMMENDATIONS,' WARNINGS. HERE IS HER STORY:

6. "THERE IS AN OLD RULE IN THE NEWS PROFESSION - ONE NOT ALWAYS OBSERVED - THAT SAYS THAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONFIRMED WITH AT LEAST TWO SOURCES BEFORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEING PUBLISHED. SO, BEFORE FINISHING THIS REPORT ABOUT THE AMERICAN SECRET SERVICES IN SPAIN, I WANTED TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER CONFIRMATION OF CERTAIN DATA. IT SEEMED TO ME MOST LOGICAL TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THESE ACTIVITIES: THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY. I WAS VERY COURTEOUSLY RECEIVED BY THE PRESS ATTACHE, EDWARD HARPER, AND HIS REACTION WHEN I INFORMED HIM OF OUR INTENTIONS FOR THIS ISSUE COULD BE QUALIFIED AS BORED: "ONCE AGAIN?" HE SIGHED.

7. 'I EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT WITH THE REPORT, TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE CIA WAS NOT INTERESTED IN SPAIN RETURNING TO A CHAPTER OF HISTORY ALREADY CLOSED, BUT RATHER SUPPORTING THE POLITICAL REFORM PROGRAM OF ADOLFO SUAREZ, THUS AVOIDING A TURN TO THE LEFT. "AH, SO YOU ARE GOING TO EXONERATE THE CIA..." CONCLUDED THE ILLUSTRIOUS OFFICIAL. "NO, ITS NOT THAT EITHER..." I TOLD HIM. "AND FURTHER, WE ARE GOING TO PUBLISH THE NAMES OF SOME OF THE MEN OF

THE CIA," I WARNED HIM. WITH THAT, HE WEAKENED: HE SAID THAT IN SO DOING WE COULD ENDANGER THE LIVES OF THESE GENTLEMEN, TO WHICH I PROTESTED THAT WE WERE DOING SO IN A WAY THAT THIS WOULD NOT HAPPEN. THEN HE ARGUED THAT THESE MEN MUST MAINTAIN THEIR PRESENCE SECRET, FOR THEIR WORK IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION. I EXPOUNDED MY OPINION THAT SUCH WORK HAD NO REASON TO BE SECRET, AND THAT THE IDEA OF IDENTIFYING THEM IS PRECISELY THAT THEY PASS INTO THE LIGHT OF DAY IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES, IF IT IS ONLY THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION THAT IS DISCUSSED.

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8. "YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS EMBASSY THAT BELIEVE YOU ARE AN AGENT?" HE ADVANCES, NOW A BIT MORE TRANQUIL. "OF WHOM?" WAS ALL THAT OCCURRED TO ME TO SAY. "WELL, THE ENEMY," HE SAID. WORDS FAILED ME. THE INTERVIEW OBVIOUSLY ARRIVED AT ITS END AND I THANKED HIM FOR HIS...ADVICE. BUT HE HAD A LAST PEARL TO OFFER TO ME: "DO YOU KNOW THAT A FEW YEARS AGO THEY WOULD HAVE LIQUIDATED YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING?" AND WITH THIS HE KISSED MY HAND, ASSURING ME THAT HE HAD BEEN ENCHANTED TO SEE ME."

9. LONG ARTICLE ACCOMPANYING THESE ITEMS INCLUDES FOLLOWING THEMES:

10. "... THE NEW (CIA) TEAM IN SPAIN ENJOYS A BENEVOLENT RECEPTION ON THE PART OF PRESIDENT ADOLFO SUAREZ AND HIS GOVERNMENT... THE NAMES OF THE AGENTS...DON'T TELL ANYTHING

ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA WITHOUT BEING ACCOMPANIED
BY A GENERAL FOCUSING THAT PUTS EVERYTHING IN PERSPECTIVE...
IT IS THE "HIGH AND PERMANENT" INTERESTS OF THE AMERICANS
THAT ARE AT PLAY AND THAT HAVE TO BE SAFEGUARDED...

11. "NEITHER THE USA NOR THE CIA ARE BOTHERED AT ALL
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BY THE INTOXICATION OF THE SPANISH PRESS ABOUT
ESPIONAGE THESE LAST MONTHS..." THE ARTICLE CONTINUES
BY RIDICULING RECENT PRESS ACCOUNTS OF ALLEGED CIA
ACTIVITIES, CITING INFORMACIONES ACOOUNT THAT 3000.
AGENTS ACTIVE IN SPAIN AND POSIBLE STORY THAT MANUEL
FRAGA IS CIA AGENT.

12. "...IN WASHINGTON IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT POLITICAL
AND ECONOMIC STABILITY JUSTIFYING...THE ADMISSION OF
SPAIN INTO NATO AND THE COMMON MARKET..IS IN U.S.
INTEREST...GOVERNMENT ANALYSTS UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY THAT
AN ERA HAS ENDED IN SPANISH HISTORY AND HAVE NOT THE
LEAST ENTHUSIASM FOR CONSERVING IT AT ALL...BOTH IN
WASHINGTON...AND AT THE EMBASSY THEY KNOW THAT THE
SPANISH DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IS NOT ONLY UNSTOPPABLE, BUT
ALSO IS ADVISABLE, BECAUSE IT ENTERS INTO THE GEOPOLITICAL
VISION OF WASHINGTON IN THESE MIMENTS. THEY SIMPLY WANT
TO 'GUIDE' IT.Z

13. REMAINDER OF MAIN ARTICLE ORCHESTRATES THEME THAT USG
AND CIA SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRIST GOVERNMENT LED BY
SUAREZ AND INCLUDING CONSERVATIVE SECTORS PSOE, LIBERALS,
CHRISTINA DEMOCRATS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

14. SIDEBAR ARTICLE LISTS FOLLOWING NAMES AS ALLEGED
CIA PERSONNEL: BENNIE L. PIERCE, DEAN J. ALMY,
FRANCIS L. SHERRY, JON R. THOMAS, ROBERT K. SIMPSON,
JOHN F. WEBB. SIDEBAR FURTHER CONTAINS CLAIMS OF
ACTIVITIES BY DEA AND CIA.

15. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO RESPOND TO POSSIBLE QUERIES ON THE
SUBSTANCE OF THE ARTICLES WITH "NO COMMENT," WITH THE EXCEPTION
THAT ON THE QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO THE PRESS ATTACHE EMBASSY WILL
CHARACTERIZE THEM AS "HIGHLY INACCURATE."EATON

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